GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNIVERSALISATION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up National Commission for Universalization of Primary Education in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of terms of reference and the financial powers given to the commission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : In order to facilitate universal elementary education, the Government of India has setup the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission in the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister vide Resolution dated 2.1.2001.

(b) : The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission will be an independentand autonomous wing of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, vested with full executive and financial powers in its sphere of work. It will be the nodal body for all matters relating to elementary education at the national level. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan National Missionshall have a Governing Council and an Executive Committee. The Governing Council will comprise of the following:

i) Prime Minister of India - Chairman
ii) Minister of HRD - Vice Chairman
iii) Finance Minister, GOI
iv) Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
v) Minister of State, Women & Child Development
vi) Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment
vii) Six senior level political leaders of the main national parties
viii) Three Members of Parliament (Two from the Lok Sabha, one from the Rajya Sabha)
ix) Six Education Ministers of States responsible for elementary education
x) Six representatives of teachers and teacher unions
xi) Five persons from among educationists, scientists etc
xii) Six persons from non-governmental organisations working in the field of education
xiii) Three persons from women's organisations
xiv) Three persons working among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the field of elementary education

The following will be ex-officio members:

i) Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy
ii) Director General, National Literacy Mission (NLM)
iii) Director, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)
iv) Director, National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
v) Chairman, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
vi) Director General, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research(CSIR)
vii) Joint Secretary Elementary Education and Director General, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission - Member Secretary

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ii) Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy

iii) Director, NCERT
iv) Director, NIEPA
v) Chairman, NCTE
vi) Director General, NLM
vii) Director General, CSIR
viii) Financial Adviser, MHRD
ix) Principal Adviser (Education) Planning Commission
x) Seven non-officials comprising of teachers, NGOs' representatives, educationists to be nominated by the Chairman of the Council
xi) Four Education Secretaries of the States
xii) Joint Secretary, Elementary Education & DG, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan National Mission – Member Secretary

The Council shall be the apex policy planning body for elementary education in India.Within the Budget provision approved by Parliament, the Council shall have full autonomy for their utilisation.